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Sen Cohen
Sen Specter
Warner
Moynihan
Leahy
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Symms
Quayle
Chafee

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NOTE FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Director of Congressional Affairs

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The Senate debated the Boren/Cohen Intelligence Oversight bill for much of the day. Specter decided not to offer as an amendment to the Boren/Cohen bill his proposal for a statutory Inspector General, lest he "muddy the waters" and adversely affect the vote on the bill. Specter stated, nevertheless, that he would continue to pursue his proposal for a statutory Inspector General through other means, as well as criminal penalties for lying to Congress.

There was extensive debate on the requirement to notify the Intelligence Committees of a special activity within 48 hours of the President signing a finding. An amendment to delay notice of a finding for longer than 48 hours was defeated by a vote of 65-23. Those Members speaking in favor of the bill included Boren, Cohen, Warner, Specter, Moynihan, and Leahy. Those speaking in opposition of the bill included Hecht, Hatch, Symms, Quayle and Chafee.

Several unrelated amendments pertaining to Panama and the INF treaty were offered by Senators Helms and Symms. Because the Senate could not dispose of these amendments, a final vote on the Intelligence Oversight bill has been postponed until 14 March.

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